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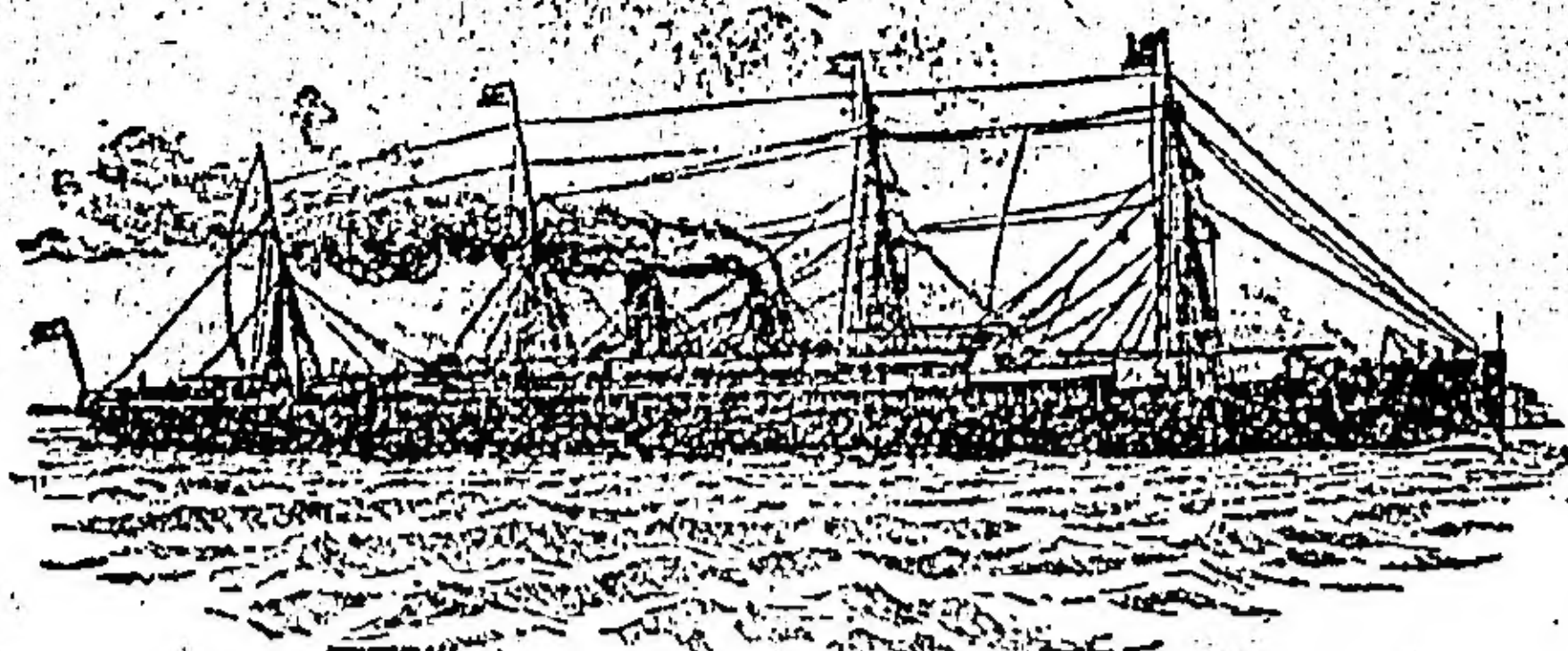
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Hong Kong, 15th January, 1963. [2]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"CITY OF PEKING"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th February, 1903, at Noon.
"KOREA"	FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.
"GABLO"	SATURDAY, 7th March, 1903, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th March, 1903, at Noon.
"CHINA"	TUESDAY, 24th March, 1903, at Noon.
"DO KAI"	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

"THE P. M. Company's Steamship "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 3rd February, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and Northern PACIFIC RAILWAY, also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and Northern PACIFIC RAILWAY, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS. Special rates (first class only) are granted and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to "address in full; value of same is required.

Consular invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchants' Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agents of the Companies, Queen's Building.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb, 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar, 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS to the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STREAMERS	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight.
AMERICA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	3rd Feb.	Freight.
Duckstein	(Calling at SINGAPORE).		
WURZBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Feb.	Freight and Passengers.
v. Bismarck	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
C. FERD. LAEISZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	26th Feb.	Freight.
Buchner	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
DAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Mar.	Freight.
Kirchner	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	19th Mar.	Freight.
von Dohren	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

HONGKONG OFFICE.

No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1903.

Intimations.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 11.45 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AND AGENCY CO., LD.

General Agents for

THE WEST POINT BUILDING

CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [28c]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [23c]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMA-

TION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 12.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Period ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [42c]

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above SOCIETY will be held on TUESDAY, the 27th January, at 12 o'clock, in the CITY HALL.

The Public are invited to attend.

B. S. POATE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [52c]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILD-

ING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 2nd February, 1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 24th January, to MONDAY, the 2nd February, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to

Hongkong Land Investment and

Agency Co., Ltd.,

General Agents for

The Kowloon Land and Building

Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1903. [79c]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held in the C.H. HALL, on TUESDAY, the 3rd February, 1903, at 5 P.M., for the purpose set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,

C. H. GARCE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1903. [92c]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO

STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 7th February, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the Appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th of January to the 7th February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [63c]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO

STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES in Bank Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th February, 1903, at 12.15 o'clock P.M., or so soon as the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting to be held at 12 o'clock NOON on that day shall be concluded when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTION will be proposed. Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—

(1) In Article (79) the word "nine" shall be substituted for the word "seven."

(2) In Article (83) the words "nine thousand" shall be substituted for the words "seven thousand."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Dated the 17th January, 1903. [64c]

Intimations.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, 7th February, 1903, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 11th February, both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1903. [90c]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-

ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of February next, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1902.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1903. [94c]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-

ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 31st day of January current to the 14th day of February next, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1903. [95c]

THE PUNJIM MINING COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 13, Beaconsfield Arcade, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 5th day of January, 1903, the following Resolution was passed:—

"That in pursuance of the Special Resolution passed on the 11th day of November, 1902, and confirmed on the 27th day of November, 1902, a Call of Fifty Cents per Share be made upon all holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company, and the same is hereby made. Such Call to be paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 9th day of February, 1903."

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest at the rate of 5% per Annum will be charged upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of February, 1903, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are requested to note that, upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' Receipt for payment of the Call, and surrender of existing Certificates of the Shares pertaining thereto, new Share Certificates will be issued bearing an endorsement of the payment of the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. KERFOOT HUGHES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1903. [21c]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

A ONE-DAY'S RACE MEETING will be held early in APRIL next, provided sufficient Entries are received. Particulars and Conditions as to Programme will appear later.

By Order,

A. S. ANTON,

Acting Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1903. [96c]

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LADY ASSISTANTS (EUROPEAN) for Drapery Store, also YOUNG MAN for Furnishing Department. Experience desired, but not necessary. Apply to—

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C/o Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1903. [82c]

WANTED.

A TEACHER for ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE. Apply by Letter to

BRO. FRANCIS,

Director,

St. Joseph's College.

No. 7, Robinson Road,

Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1903. [167c]

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

THE MANAGER.

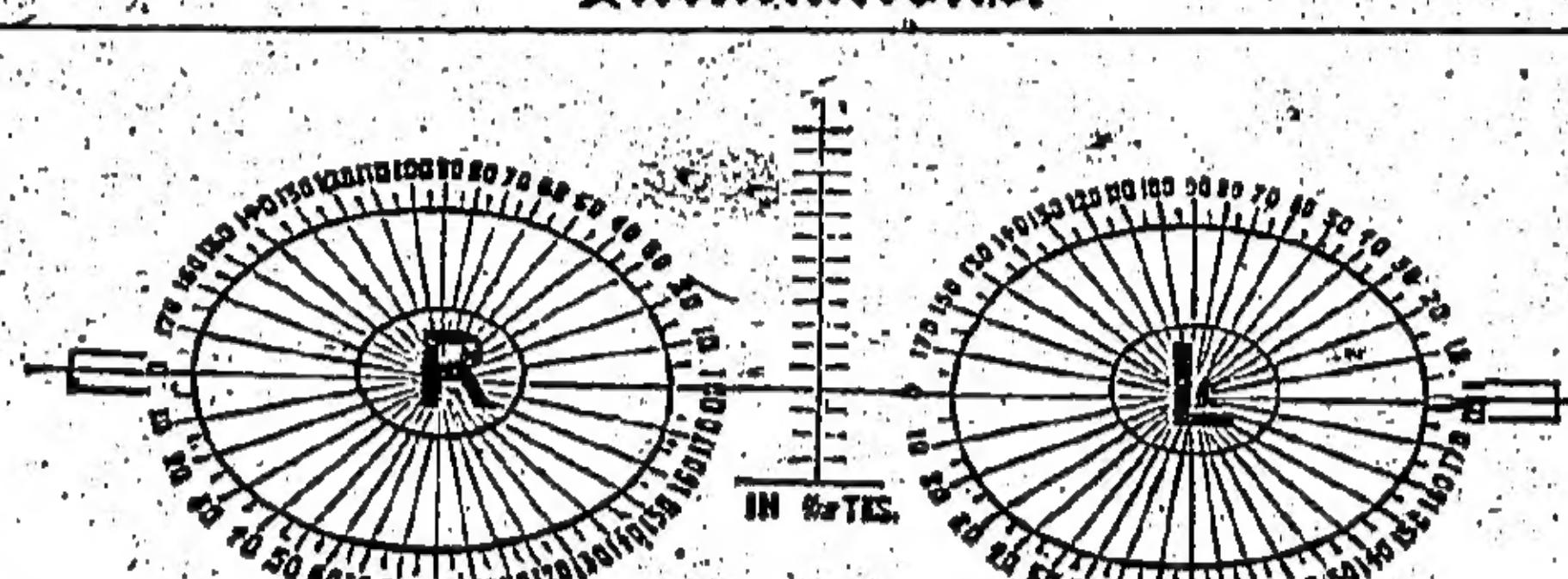
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Intimations.



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ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

ADVENTURES OF THE BALDWIN EXPEDITION.

STATIONS ESTABLISHED FOR A DASH TO THE POLE.

Mr. Evelyn N. Baldwin, the leader of the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition, which lately returned to Norway on the conclusion of fifteen months' work in the North Polar seas, speaking to a London press representative said—

No previous expedition ever entered the frozen north with the same qualifications for success as we did. Our ship, equipment, instruments, staff, and stores left nothing to be desired, and it is impossible to imagine in what direction Mr. Ziegler, who had so generously paid for the whole undertaking, could have made more perfect arrangements. Before going into the details of what we have accomplished, I think it only right to say that a number of unauthorized and wholly mischievous reports have appeared regarding the personnel of our expedition. There have, it is true, been some disagreements, as in most expeditions of the sort; and this is scarcely surprising, when a number of men are cooped together under the most distressing and depressing conditions through the long Arctic night. But they have been unduly magnified, and it is not from this that my failure to reach the Pole is to be attributed, and I want to say that no leader of an expedition had, with one or two exceptions, a more willing, to all, and competent staff.

THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

We did not reach the Pole, it is true, but after nearly a year and a half's incessant work we have brought back data which ought materially to assist subsequent seekers after the Pole. For the first time in the history of North Polar exploration, a photographic record has been secured of the ice and snow conditions of the Arctic and of the animal life of those regions, so complete as to be practically exhaustive. In this respect the cinematograph has played a most important part—the first time it has ever been successfully employed in the far north—and we now have over a thousand perfect photographic representations of our work, which alone is perhaps not unworthy of a year's effort. In addition, we have over two hundred drawings and paintings.

I admit that our primary object was to plant the American flag at the North Pole, and we still hope to do so, and believe more fully than ever that this can be done in accordance with our original plan. I felt from previous experience and knowledge of Arctic literature that at least one of the numerous ways of navigating the Franz Josef Land Archipelago would be open to navigation some time during either the summer or autumn of 1901, but last year proved to be an exception, and we were compelled to go into winter quarters at Camp Ziegler, the station which we established upon our first arrival in Franz Josef Land, in 80deg. 23min. north, whereas our original plan was to spend the winter at least a degree further north, if not actually off the coast of Rudolf Land itself. This was the first disappointment. Then followed the sickening and death of many of the dogs, even before the cold Arctic night began. This was owing, as the careful investigations of our three physicians conclusively proved, to the ravages of three distinct internal parasites, which ultimately proved fatal to more than half the pack.

These two causes rendered anything more than an attempt to beat the record of the farthest north absolutely impossible, and this, although I believe we could have accomplished it beyond any doubt, I would not undertake, as such a course would have involved the destruction of our equipment and the consumption of our stores, and this precluded the carrying out of our original project. We have, however, the satisfaction of pointing to the establishment of our depots, from which it will now be possible to despatch parties from Rudolf without it being necessary to endanger a ship at a higher latitude than Camp Ziegler. Altogether we have formed four large stations. The most northerly station upon Rudolf Land is within eight miles of the winter headquarters of the Duke of the Abruzzi.

A NANSSEN MEMENTO.

Upon the conclusion of this work a further sledge journey was made to Cape Norway, where we came upon Nansen's winter hut. We were all deeply affected when one morning a member of our party stumbled upon a piece of walrus hide near the shore, which indicated the proximity of a human habitation. After some search we found what at first looked like a broad grave mound, almost completely covered with snow. This proved to be a rude hut, which we at once knew to be the spot where Nansen and Johannsen spent their historic winter. A portion of this had been gnawed away by foxes and bears, but, fortunately, Nansen's record was intact. This was contained in a small brass cylinder in length, and secured by a rough wooden stopper. The document, dated May 19, 1896, is written in pencil on a half-sheet of ordinary notepaper. I have this with me, and in its place have left my own record, giving an account of our visit.

The day previous to our departure homeward we sent up our fifteenth and last balloon, by which means altogether 300 messages had been despatched. To each of these balloons was attached a string of buoys, which, by means of automatic contrivances, were released as they touched ice, land, or water. These buoys, when found, will furnish important data concerning both air and sea currents. Every buoy is addressed to the nearest American Consul, who will duly advise us of their discovery.

STUGGLINGS WITH THE ICE.

On July 17 we made goodby to Cape Ziegler, having first of all put everything in order about it. In the afternoon of that day we finally nailed up the doors of the huts, erected our signals, and went on board the *Aurora*. This was an exciting performance, as large quantities of drift ice surrounded us, and made the

embarkation of our remaining animals an anxious and hazardous task. Eventually all was safely on the ship, and we commenced our homeward journey. This was the beginning of a never-to-be forgotten struggle with the ice. For the first fifteen miles we had for the most part to back the ship, and deliberately charge the ice, or to blast with dynamite or cut with heavy saws a lane through the ice which was often three feet thick. This involved sixteen days of incessant toil. Before reaching the open water which lay between the southern coast of the archipelago and the heavy pack ice of the Barents Sea the *Aurora* was caught in a violent storm and ice-screw, in which we only narrowly escaped destruction. Our rudder was twisted, and the propeller frame broken. A ship less strong than the *Aurora* would have been lost.

On July 17 we reached a place of safety to the southward of Cape Flora, where we again entered the pack ice, through which we escaped only by carefully watching the floes. For an entire month, while navigating the ice with an ever-decreasing coal supply, our anxiety was very great.

ENCOUNTER WITH A BEAR.

I am glad to say that not only has every member of the expedition safely returned, but that we never had a serious case of illness. Fortunately, we were a musical company, and the bears must often have been surprised as the strains of *The Star-Spangled Banner* were wafted through the icy darkness. During the whole winter we were working night and day.

The presence of so many dogs—we had at one time over 200 during the winter—kept the camp greatly clear of bears, but sometimes they would surprise us. On one occasion two of our members, while sledging ice with one of the ponies, were set upon by a huge bear, which came upon them unawares. They were quite unarmed, and were remarking at the absence of game, when they espied a few feet in front of them a great white bear, which immediately charged. Their pony forthwith stampeded, dragging the sledge, with it, and leaving the two men quite defenceless. They availed themselves of a neighbouring iceberg, to the top of which they clambered, while the bear was watching the precipitate flight of the horse. Then he turned, and, growling viciously, followed the men up the berg. The latter succeeded in escaping, by the opposite side, but were closely followed by the bear, which, however, refused to approach when they neared the safety of the ship.

There were many narrow escapes while sledging over the thin ice, and more than once ponies, sledges, and contents were precipitated into the water, from which they were dragged with considerable difficulty. There were numerous instances of whole dog teams, while harnessed to the sledges, wildly charging heads of walrus, with which they fought fiercely at the very edge of open waterholes, much to the peril of the drivers, dogs, and loads.

THE WAY TO REACH THE POLE.

The old idea of an open Polar Sea is baseless. We know that land extends as far as the eighty-second degree on the Franz Josef Land side, and it is from here that I quite agree with Lieutenant Peary that the most practical way of attaining the Pole is by sledging from this point. This is, indeed, the plan on which our expedition worked.

Mr. Baldwin is now on his way to New York to consult with Mr. Ziegler as to future operations.

THE "FRAM" DISCOVERIES.

A GREAT DISASTER AVERTED.

Regarding the experiences of his expedition to the Arctic regions, Mr. Sverdrup has made the following statement in Christiania:—

"I spent the winter of 1898-9 in winter quarters at Ellesmere Land, where various scientific sledge expeditions were made. The summer of 1899 was unfavourable, and the *Fram* was obliged to return to winter quarters at Ellesmere Land, where we again established depots and organised sledge expeditions. A great part of the surrounding region was mapped out.

"In May, 1900, a great fire occurred on the *Fram*. A tent on board had been set on fire by sparks from the funnel, and a number of kayaks saturated with paraffin and other articles were burned. The rigging and masts of the *Fram* were attacked by the flames, and the total destruction of the vessel appeared imminent. The fire, however, was fortunately extinguished.

"In August, 1900, we steamed through Jones Sound and Cardigan Strait, and took up winter quarters at 75.48 north latitude, 89 west longitude. Many musk oxen were shot, and sledge expeditions were made. The region is very rich in reindeer and polar wolves. Of the latter we have brought two live specimens with us. The following winter was cold and stormy, the average temperature being 45 deg. below zero.

"In the spring and summer of 1901, and in the beginning of 1902, there were again sledge expeditions. On August 6, the *Fram* succeeded in breaking from the ice, and we arrived at Godhavn on August 18. We left Cape Farvel on August 28, and reached Stavanger on September 19.

Mr. Sverdrup further stated that the expedition did not meet any Eskimos in the regions which it visited. Many of their dwelling-places, dating from former periods, were, however, seen. The *Fram* brought with her many articles from these dwelling-places.

With reference to Mr. Sverdrup's statements regarding the discovery of deserted Eskimo encampments, the well-known Norwegian, Professor Yngvar Nielsen, regards them as evidence that the northern limit up to which it is possible for man to exist in the great Arctic Archipelago receded at a comparatively recent date, and that from this circumstance further conclusions may be drawn with regard to ice conditions, as upon these the existence of the Eskimo entirely depends.

Intimations.

A FOOLISH OLD IDEA.

It was once thought that a medicine was all the more beneficial for having a nasty taste and smell. We now know that such an idea is perfect nonsense. There is no more reason why medicine should offend the senses than why food should do so. Therefore, one of the greatest chemical victories of the past few years is what we may call the *redemption* of cod liver oil. Everybody knows what a vile taste and smell this drug has in its natural state. No wonder most people declare they would rather suffer from disease than take cod liver oil, and the emulsions are quite as foul and abominable as the plain oil, no matter what may be alleged to the contrary. Now it is one of nature's laws that a medicine which disgusts the nose and the palate, and also sickens the stomach, can have no good effect as a medicine; because the system revolts against it, and cries out to be delivered from it. In

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BIRTHS.

On the 13th instant at "Clyde Villa," Grange Road, Singapore, the wife of Capt. W. J. RAWLINGS, of a son.
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MARRIAGE.

On the 10th January, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Ven. Arch. DUNKIRLEY, JOSEPH GEORGE GRAVES, son of Joseph Graves, J. P., West Gate Belton, Doncaster, Yorkshire, to MINNIE JANET, daughter of the late A. B. BODENFORD, Singapore.

DEATH.

On the 8th instant, at Penang, EDWARD, the infant son of Captain DEAN, of Singapore.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1903.

ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

There is perhaps nothing more difficult to discover than the real opinion of a great nation on any important political question, which, at some indefinite future, may be of great moment to its prosperity, and even to its very existence. It is scarcely necessary to observe that, by "national opinion" we do not refer to the theories emitted by the Press, which, however honest and bona fide, are, in general, but the arguments of a party or the thoughts of a few intelligents, and do not always represent the sentiments of the majority of a nation. If we look back more than half a century and consider what the opinion of the French nation was when, in 1866, Germany succeeded in crushing the Austrian Empire at Sadowa and thereby laying the foundation for that powerful confederation which, four years later, was to fell its mighty neighbour in the dust, after one of the most terrible struggles on record, we learn from writers of that epoch that the voices raised in favour of intervention were very few indeed. "The authorities responsible for the defence of the Empire had every belief that the then existing military organisation, which had completed the conquest of Algeria, beaten the Russians at Sebastopol and the Austrians at Solferino and Magenta, was, beyond doubt, more than equal to the task of defeating Prussia, *le cas échéant*. These authorities seemed to have convinced the other members of the Government and the Emperor himself of the soundness of their opinions. These were not, however, the sentiments of the majority of the nation, and there is no doubt (one has but to read the French contemporaries of this period) that a feeling of apprehension and disquiet prevailed amongst the *bourgeois* population from the very beginning of the struggle. Nations, like individuals, undoubtedly possess the instinct of self-preservation, that is, the spirit of the nation does, and that spirit is formed from the individual desire of each citizen for the power and prosperity of his motherland. Our witty neighbours say that the English people are, in general, devoid of all passion and too unemotional. *Is not trop froide*. This may be the truth, but when the British nation has made known an opinion one may be sure that it is the result of long and calm reasoning. The telegram which informed us a few days ago that the country was dissatisfied because our action in Venezuela had been taken conjointly with Germany did not come as a surprise to those who had been watching the development of events during the past ten years. Is it the result of a patriotic or business sentiment, or of one of the other? The Kaiser's action after the Jamestown raid may have begotten it; the attitude of the German Press during the War in South Africa, the attempt to embroil England with France over that republic's legitimate quarrel with the Porte; a similar attempt to create discord with Russia apropos of the Persian Gulf question; Germany's evident intention, made manifest by the continual increase of her Navy, of some day challenging our mastery of the seas; her attitude in China in relation to her negotiations concerning the Yangtze Valley and the evacuation of Shanghai; her having abstained from joining the other European Powers in protesting against the passage of the Dardanelles by the warships of Russia, all these acts may have developed it, but come what may, it exists. With the German individually we have no quarrel. Though

sands of them settle in England and in our Colonies, and they thrive and make respectable and law-abiding citizens; but Germany's population is increasing with enormous strides, her output in merchandise is colossal; existing markets will soon no longer suffice (due count being taken) of new competitors, such as the United States; for the maintenance of her trade and the well being of her population. New customers must be found, and customers who must buy from her alone, or factories must be closed and thousands starve, or be driven by starvation to a Social revolution. It is certainly the duty of all Governments to use every possible means for assuring the success and prosperity of the nation it represents. Rightly or wrongly: *la fin justifie les moyens* is a theory that has been applied more than once in the past when the interests of the German nation were at stake. To be forewarned is to be forearmed, and we can be thankful that the nation has realised the situation in time. All we desire is to retain by every right what we consider ours that for which our forebears fought and worked during centuries—the leading place amongst the nations of the earth. Do we not rule over the greater part of it? May peace suffice to realise our desire?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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SIMEON Adrian, Vella, of Ripon Terrace, is qualified to practise medicine and surgery.

SERGEANT-MAJOR E. G. Burrell has been appointed a Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, *vice* Lieut. Sayer promoted.

MR. W. M. Scott has been appointed Supernumerary Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

BRITISH punitive expedition is now engaged in suppressing human sacrifices in Northern Nigeria. The natives are stubbornly resisting.

It is reported in Wall-street that Messrs. Rothschild have invested \$1,000,000 in the New York underground railway, the construction of which has just commenced.

THE stamp revenue for the years 1901 and 1902 is \$770,067.95 and \$717,138.48 respectively, or an increase for the last twelve months of \$52,929.57.

A MOTOR road from the Atlantic to the Pacific is, among the projects of the American Automobile Association. It is proposed that the highway should start from Boston to Chicago, and thence via Salt Lake City to San Francisco.

AT a general meeting of the Singapore Merchant Service Guild the following officers were elected:—President, Capt. A. S. Musk; Vice-President, Capt. A. Agnew; Treasurer, Capt. E. Veitch; Secretary, Mr. J. G. Boyd.

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THURSDAY, the 29th inst., being the Chinese New Year's Day, and being a Bank Holiday under the provisions of The Holidays Ordinance, 1875, will be observed as a holiday throughout the Government Departments.

M. BROET, a member of the Aero Club of France, is having built a new aeroplane which will have a room covered in with mica and furnished with a couch, a wardrobe, and a table. The whole will be lighted by electricity.

THERE has been a ricksha strike at Singapore in consequence of the enforcement of the new ricksha ordinance. Several cases of rowdiness were reported, but after a few hours the men quieted down, and 150 of them went for a picnic to the beach and spent the time of goggling up shell-fish and lurking about like children.

WITH regard to the Sarawak coal industry in 1902, it is recorded that the coal mines had not been very successful during the year, but the output at Brookeston was very satisfactory. There was some difficulty in selling all the coal at Labuan, and a consignment sent to Singapore, for some reason, did not sell.

SINGAPORE will be having as guests some of the Shans who recently created the reign of terror in northern Siam. On some of them lengthy sentences have been inflicted by the British Consular authorities, two men having to undergo twelve and fourteen years' penal servitude respectively.

A CORRESPONDENT of Cape Colony says there were hundreds of reliable men in South Africa who could have let the English papers know the truth about the remount a dozen other scandals in time to have saved thousands of pounds; but they were hopelessly and absolutely muzzled by the censors.

THE following scholars at the Bellios Public School have been granted free scholarships for 1903 on the result of the past year's work: viz.—1st and 2nd class, Elia Hyndman, 3rd and 4th class, Jesuina L. Rosario, 5th and 6th class, Wan Shuk Ching, 7th class, Winnie A. Hie, and 8th class, Li King Ngo.

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THE French garrison, which recently left Shanghai has gone to India.

THE Rev. W. Bradie has been appointed officiating clergyman to the Wesleyan Troops in Garrison, in succession to the Rev. C. Bone.

THE fourth fatal case of plague, since the commencement of the year was reported during the past 24 hours as having occurred at No. 18 Wing Fung Street.

ON Monday afternoon on the Happy Valley in the first round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, the R. E. will play Ordance. Kick-off at four o'clock.

CHINESE New Year Holiday.—The Post Office will be entirely closed on Thursday, the 30th inst. (Chinese New Year's Day). The night box will be left open. The money order office will be entirely closed.

THE German flagship *First Bismarck* left for Hong Kong this morning, and the *Cressy* took her berth. The French cruiser *Kersaint* and the German cruiser *Hertha* also left this morning for Canton and Amoy respectively.

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THE Portuguese gunboat *Zaire*, which left Singapore for Colombo the other day, sprang a leak off the Achén coast. On the pumps failing to keep the water down, the *Zaire* was beached near the mouth of Deli River on the 7th instant. She has since been floated off and brought into port at Belawan.

THE members of the N.S.W. Naval Contingent have not yet received the medal for service in the East, notwithstanding that the seamen and marines belonging to H. M. Navy are wearing their decorations. A couple of the N.S.W. men, however, who have visited England since their service in China, have got their medal, having made personal application for it while in England.

FIRE has just broken out in the Sanitary Board coolies' messes directly opposite the Sailors' Home in Des Voeux Road West. The Fire Brigade arrived on the scene, and although efforts were made to save the No. 7 Police Station messes adjoining they were unsuccessful. A Sanitary Inspector was quartered in this old messes, but he managed to clear out with his effects. Many offices, the property of the Sanitary Board, were destroyed.

HAVE the authorities any idea of the number of Chinamen that enter this Colony from Amoy, Hainan, and other China ports, and are never registered or even examined, asks the *Straits Times*. Three junk loads were landed at Tanjong Katong a couple of days ago. Possibly they were healthy; but they might have been full of plague or small-pox. Anyhow the boats landed their cargoes of *sinkies* without going through any of the formalities of health inspection that are supposed to obtain in civilised ports of entry.

There is reason to believe that an official intimation has reached the Foreign Office, according to which the King of Siam proposes to visit England next summer. His Majesty will, it is said, leave Bangkok towards the end of April, and arrive in England in the course of June. But as to whether he will go to Europe direct or pay a visit on the way to India, Burmah, and Persia, is not yet determined. It seems, however, that in any event his Majesty intends to make a grand tour, including even America.

BEFORE Mr. Kemp this morning, a Chinaman was charged with burying the dead body of his wife at Coffey's plantation without the written consent of the Sanitary Board. He was defended by Mr. Gedge, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master. In his evidence prisoner's son stated that his father used to beat him most unmercifully, and at one time threatened to chop him. He then ran away from home, and after a lapse of over five years returned to find that his mother had died. His father told him to go up to the hills and worship his deceased mother's tomb. He proceeded to relate that, from facts gathered, he discovered that his mother was killed by his father. After taking the evidence of Mr. Clark and Hunter, regarding the examination of the deceased skeleton, and the Sanitary permit, the case was adjourned to the 27th instant.

AMONG the passengers who left for Singapore by the outward mail last night, says the *Pharos Gazette* of the 10th instant, was Captain Daniels, the well-known pilot, who is severing his connection with the pilot service and has gone to New Zealand to bring up the steamer *Waltham*, a vessel of 2,000 tons, and 1,750 horse power, which is to be placed upon the run between Rangoon and Fochow by a "enang firm." The *Waltham* is a vessel of the Union Steamship Line, and will, with her excellent passenger accommodation and such a popular commander as Captain Daniels, undoubtedly succeed. We understand that she will call at Rangoon, Singapore, Hoikow, Hongkong, Swatow, Amoy, and Fochow, and be made himself liked and respected in more ways than one, being a capital singer and pianist, and figuring in the meets of the Hunt Club. Captain Daniels was one of the Penang Volunteers who went home for the Coronation.

I have just received from the factory the very latest hand cameras. It is the Century. To see one is to possess one. At Le Munyon's.—*Adv.*

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—
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TURF TOPICS.

My remarks of Thursday on the apparent apathy of our local sports in regard to the forthcoming meeting have, I am glad to observe, produced the desired effect and, immediately interest seems to have been once more awakened in the most interesting of our many interesting annual fixtures in Hongkong. A balmy atmosphere, a clear sky, and an exceptionally fine morning for this time of year attracted to the Race-course in-day quite a fair crowd of old "hands" and those seeking most anxiously for correct "tips" for the making of books and the more or less hazardous investments in the "sweeps." These, by the way, have been going on in full swing since last Sunday. Included amongst the attendance this morning were a dozen or so of ladies. For the first time this training season Ewo's (Taiwan) was to be seen at the stalls this morning, only to become the spectator of a sorry exhibition on the part of his solitary representative. Nicely enough *Revolve* threw his rider off the saddle on the paddock, but it was soon captured and set to work on the training track. *Brilliant*'s performance this morning undoubtedly secures for him the largest share of public favour for Derby honours and it will take a lot to wrest from Lieut. Col. Hughes's representative the race of the meeting. Mr. Hunter's big diminutive *Chee Sai* will, however, prove a dangerous rival. To bookmakers the hint might be offered of not neglecting the possibilities of this game little animal. By one whose acquaintance with horse flesh may be counted for something, *Chee Sai* is looked upon as a "crack" amongst the lot of this season's "walkers." Subjoined are the respective times recorded to-day. It might be mentioned, for the information of those who count upon the rider as much as on his mount for a win, that it was freely stated on the course this morning that "Cumming is not coming."

CHINA PONIES.

Silver Fox, 1 mile, last 4, 36½, 1.13½, 1.47½.
Joker, 1½ miles, 49, 1.14½, 1.49, 2.24, 3.00½.
Disput and Style, 2 miles, 34½, 1.00, 1.40.
Algerine, 1½ miles, 44, 1.24, 2.03, 2.39, 3.17.
2 miles, only 12 taken, 3.58, 4.33.
Rose Ro, 1½ miles, 48, 1.33, 2.11, 2.44½, 3.19½, 3.54, 4.46½.
Butch, 1½ miles, 41 (2) 2.03, 2.41, 3.10, 3.57, 4.30.
Larky, 2 miles, 42, 1.18, 1.55.
China and *Sunshine*, 1½ miles, 27, 1.13, 1.51, 2.27½, 3.06, 3.46.
Fashion, 1½ miles, 38, 1.16½, 1.56, 2.33, 3.10½.
Hagen, 1 mile, 37, 1.17.
Rebel King and Gigaku, 1½ miles, 36, 1.10, 1.45, 2.20, 2.56, 3.34½; *Gigaku*'s time, 3.35½.
Betty Gloe and Revolve, 1 mile, 36, 1.10 4/5, 1.46½, 2.25½; *Revolve*, 2.27½.
Mad Mullah and Detective, 1 mile, 36, 1.11, 1.48.
Nicodemus, 1 mile, 41, 1.30 (2) 2.33.
Affix, 1 mile, went bad cantering.

WALKERS.

Chester, 1½ miles, 33, 1.03, 1.33½, 2.03½, 2.33½.
Finello, 1½ miles, 33, 1.03½, 1.33, 2.04½, 2.33½.
Brilliant, 1½ miles, 32, 1.01½, 1.30½, 2.00, 2.31, and 3.01 finishing easy, and could comfortably go over the same distance once more.
Legacy and Myself, 1½ miles, 33, 1.04½, 1.34 1/5, 2.03½, 2.33½; good performance especially as they carried full weight.
Glory, 1½ miles, 34½, 1.04, 1.34, 2.04½, 2.34½; looked as if he had been worked for all he was worth.
Wall Flower, 1 mile, 31, 1.03, 1.34½, 2.07½.
Countess, no time recorded.
Seagull, 1½ miles, 33½, 1.05½, 1.37½, 2.08½, 2.37½; last quarter very good.
Winning Rose, 1 mile, 30½, 1.03, 1.35½, 2.08½.
Joy, 1½ miles, last 4 taken 25½, 58½, 1.31.
Runaway Girl, 1 mile, 30, 1.00½, 1.33, cantering.
Princess Charming, 1 mile, 31, 1.06, 1.37, 2.07½.
Alfred, 1 mile, 32, 1.03, 1.36½, 2.09½.
Lady Lena, 1 mile, 31½, 1.07, 1.40, 2.10.
Pirate and Ray Ronald, 1½ miles, 34, 1.08, 1.38, 2.11, 2.42½.
Ichiban, 1 mile, 31, 59½, 1.28.
Kennel, 1 mile, 31, 1.00½, 1.29, 1.58.
Issuu and Madelle, 1 mile, 30½, 1.1, 1.32½.
Clare and Ruby, 1 mile, 31½, 1.04½, 1.36½, 2.06½.

EARLY BIRD.

Another contributor sends us the following notes:—
There was a large gathering at the Race-course this morning, and the spectators included Major-General Sir William Gascoigne and several ladies. Regarding the working of *Deby* favourably *Brilliant* did the mile and a half in grand style, taking only 3 min. 2 sec. *Legacy* carried top weight to-day, and could only finish in 3 min. 5 sec. *Diamond* covered the same distance in 3 min. 14 sec. The 6 is more in this horse than meets the eye, but it still on the big side and a fortnight's steady exercise might show considerable improvement. *Lady Lena* did a smart gallop and showed fine finish.
With regard to other horses in training Mr. Mieser's *Remnant* will win a short distance race. General Gascoigne's *Joy* does not appear to have had sufficient work, whilst Captain Langland's *Traveller* is inclined to run out. He deposited his jockey in the ditch this morning, and will take some riding.

The China ponies are going strong, but are a poor lot this year, and none as yet have particularly taken my eyes, though Colonel Hughes's *Amor-bonals* should pick up a nice or two.

COMMANDANTS in the Royal Marines after April next are to receive 12s. per day, to correspond with the command money of captains commanding naval est. 6th months, ashore; second commandants will receive 10s. per day. Sixty appointments are to be reserved for lieutenants promoted from the lower deck. Chief petty officers will receive an extra 3d. per day. The new scheme will increase the estimates by £75,000 annually.

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BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The following has been forwarded to us for publication:—Owing to the extensive repairs now in operation on the building, the prize distribution had to be of a private character. The prizes were presented to the successful pupils by Mr. Irving, H. M. I. Schools. The Head Mistress begs to offer her sincere thanks to the following gentlemen for their generosity to the Prize Fund:—Sir William Goodman, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. R. Shewan, Hon. C. W. Dickson, Rev. F. C. Johnson, Messrs. J. R. M. Smith, G. Murray, Bain, P. H. Medhurst, V. Deacon, J. H. Cox, J. M. Dixon, Fung Wa Chan, Ho Fook, Ho Tung, Lau Yai Chun, Chow Tung Sang, Chan Pat, Gaupp & Co. G. b. Livingstone & Co. Lane, Crawford & Co. Watson & Co. C. J. Kew, Kelly & Walsh, Lock Ling, See Woo, Lau Chu Pak, Tak Chong, Hui Cho, Chan Hewan, Mok Lai-Che, Chau Ah Fook, Chan Sui-Ki, Chan Sui-Ming, Mun Yee Tong, Wan Man-Kai.

PRIZE LIST.

English Division:—Class I.—Myra Chunyut, 1st. Class II.—Elia Hyndman, 1st, Mary Peterson, 2nd. Class III.—Jesuna Rosario, 1st, Esther Noma, 2nd. Class IV.—Chan Ying-Mui, 1st, Florence Joseph, 2nd. Class V.—Sophie Joseph, 1st, Mollie Levi, 2nd. Class VI.—Mag Kpi, 1st, Ah Ching, 2nd. Class VII.—Ah Yik, 1st. Class VIII.—Elsie Schwarzhof, 1st, Abdulla Sang, 2nd. Class IX.—George Hoskins, 1st, Ivy Lee Ching, 2nd. Class X.—Lo Lai Wah, 1st, Ah Yung, 2nd. Infants:—Magdalena Cuthbert, 1st, Gissy Rosario, 2nd, Needlework:—Ida Noma, 1st, Yin Yau, 2nd, Olive Lee Chui, 3rd, Ah Yau 4th.

Chinese Division:—Class I.—Leung Kwan, 1st, Shi Kwai King, 2nd. Class II.—Chow Kau, 1st, Leung Heung, 2nd. Class III.—Chan Pik-Mi, 1st, Li Fung Sing, 2nd. Class IV.—Leung Kau, 1st, Leung Sing, 2nd. Class V.—Lo Yau-Ho, 1st, Wang So-Wan, 2nd. Class VI.—Yu Mui, 1st, Li Shun Kan, 2nd. Class VII.—Hong Tai, 1st, Gam Sui, 2nd. Needlework:—Mak Wo, 1st, Chan Po Chan, 2nd, Ho So, 3rd, Leung Kau, 4th.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ARSON.

The case against Li Tung, charged with setting fire to No. 318 Queen's Road West, was concluded this afternoon before His Lordship Sir W. Meigh Goodman, Chief Justice, and the jury. After Mr. Sharp, counsel for the defence, and the Attorney-General, Sir Henry S. Berkeley, K.C., for the prosecution, had finished their addresses to the jury, the Chief Justice summed up, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence was reserved till Monday at 10 a.m.

THE EVANS PIRACY CASE.

PRISONERS TO BE HANDED OVER.

Wong Kwai and Wong Lin again appeared before Mr. Hazeland this morning on a charge of piracy on the Canton River on or about the 12th November last. They pleaded not guilty. Mr. F. J. Badeley, Captain Superintendent of Police, conducted the prosecution.
A native seaman employed in the junk I Hop which was pirated said that on the evening of the 12th November, while the junk was coming down from Cant. a, three boats were pulled towards them and pirates boarded the ship. Witness gave a detailed account of what occurred on board of the junk, and said that when the men left Mr. Evans requested the crew to take the junk in the direction of the Tai Shan Customs House. While proceeding in that direction they met the steamer *Kong Nam* and reported the occurrence. Witness identified the prisoners as being two of the pirate crew. Mr. Badeley said the witness had picked the men out from other Chinese and Inspector Williamson stated he arrested the accused on a warrant about 7 p.m. on the 1st inst.
For the defence prisoners called a native woman who alleged that on the 12th November one of the men was in Hongkong and remained in her boat until the 8th December. Another witness was also called, but was unable to prove an alibi.

His Worship directed that, subject to the usual formalities, the men be handed over to the Chinese authorities.

ANOTHER HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

ON KENNEDY ROAD.

Just as we are going to press we learn that on 10th inst. Mrs. Sheffield, wife of one of the officials in the Hongkong and China Gas Company, was proceeding along Kennedy Road in company with her little boy she was "held up" by five ruffians and robbed. Information was given to the police as soon as possible, and Inspector Gidley immediately instituted inquiries, with what result we have at present been unable to ascertain.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

French (*Océanien*) 26th inst.
American (*City of Peking*) 27th inst.
Indian (*Chitang*) 28th inst.
American (*Coptic*) 31st inst.
Canadian (*Turle*) 5th prox.
American (*America*) 7th prox.
American (*Korea*) 17th prox.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Australian* from Sydney, etc., left Manila yesterday, the 23rd inst. of this port.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s *P.N. Empress of China* left Yokohama p.m. on Friday, the 22nd inst., for Canton and Vancouver.

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TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

(By special arrangement with Dr. Ostasische Lloyd.)

Settling Venezuelan Difficulties.

SAN CARLOS BOMBARDMENT.

BERLIN, 23rd Jan., 1903.

1.40 p.m.

A communication from Mr. Bowen, the United States Minister in Caracas, who is now at Washington, states that he is authorized to make due settlement of all questions, but should anything remain unsettled, it will be submitted to the Hague Tribunal. Venezuela has promised to give guarantees, but does not state their nature. The termination of the blockade is considered and will be declared when the securities have been examined by the Powers. The English press comments on the bombardment of San Carlos and declares it a necessary step in the blockade. The bombardment continues.

Kaiser's Speeches Attacked.

The social Democrat Bebel has violently attacked the Emperor's speeches, but Chancellor von Bülow warmly and successfully defended the Kaiser, and his attitude is acknowledged by all parties to be the correct one.

Sultan's Victory Expected.

The report of the Sultan's victory is expected from Morocco.

(Reuter's.)

Germany and the Venezuela Blockade.

LONDON, January 22nd.

The German warships *Gazelle*, *Panther* and *Vincula* yesterday shelled the fortress of San Carlos. The fortress replied. The village of San Carlos was burned by the shells.

The Venezuela Negotiations.

Mr. Bowen has informed the representatives of the Powers at Washington that Venezuela makes the raising of the blockade a condition precedent to the formal opening of negotiations.

LATE.

The Bombardment of San Carlos.

The bombardment of San Carlos is unexplained and causes considerable astonishment in London and Washington. It is stated in Berlin that the bombardment was certainly the subject of previous consultation between the naval commanders who are equally responsible.

Mr. Chamberlain's Return.

Mr. Chamberlain sails for England on the 25th February.

The Venezuela Negotiations.

If Mr. Bowen can satisfy the Powers that Venezuela is determined to do her utmost to fulfil her obligations, the Powers will agree to terminate the blockade.

LATE CABLE NEWS.

(via Singapore.)

DURBAR HONOURS.

London, 31st December.—The Durbar honours include Lord Curzon, who for public services in India receives the Kaiser's Hind Gold Medal; Lord George Hamilton, who is made Grand Commander of the Star of India; and the Nizam of Hyderabad, who receives the Grand Cross of the Bath.

CROWN PRINCE OF SAXONY.

The King of Saxony has created a court composed of seven judges to try the conjugal difference between the Crown Prince and the Princess. The Crown Prince has entered a petition for divorce.

PLAGUE INOCULATION IN THE PUNJAB.—Delhi, 1st January.—A Commission, consisting of Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, Bombay, Lt. Col. Bomford, Q.M.S. Major Seiple, R.A.M.C., has been appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the recent death from tetanus of a number of persons who were inoculated with plague prophylactic in the village of Nalkawal, in the Punjab.

MARCONI GRAMS.

Allahabad, 4th January.—The rate for transatlantic Marconi Grams has been fixed at fivepence a word.

PRESS COPYRIGHT.

Allahabad, 4th January.—An ordinance published at Pretoria confers copyright of seventy-two hours on press telegrams received from outside the Transvaal.

ARMY MANOEUVRES.

London, 7th January.—The War Office has acquired a large area of broken and hilly country in Peak District (Devon), intersected by deep ravines for the manoeuvres and camps are to be prepared to accommodate six thousand troops.

COTTAM & CO. FOR GENTS BATHING GEAR.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

The following is the fourteenth report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, the 2nd February next.

Gentlemen.—The Directors now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The balance of Profit and Loss Account for the year, after writing off all charges and expenses, amounted to £15,032.37. The Directors, therefore, recommend that a Dividend of \$2.30 per share be paid; which, after writing off the Directors' and Auditors' fees, will leave a balance of \$1,032.37 to be carried forward to credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. F. Henderson having resigned, Mr. T. H. Reid has been appointed in his stead, and this now requires confirmation.

Messrs. J. Goosman and T. H. Reid retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

In the absence of Mr. W. H. Gaskell, the accounts have been audited by Mr. J. C. Peter in conjunction with Mr. Thos. Arnold, who now retire but offer themselves for re-election.

E. JONES HUGHES, Chairman.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1903.

BALANCE SHEET TO 31st DECEMBER, 1902.

Liabilities.
Paid-up Capital.....\$18,000.00
Accounts Payable.....775.68
Dividends Outstanding.....4.90
Balance of Profit & Loss Account.....15,032.37

Assets.
Cash.....\$1,215.19
Cost of Property.....18,032.17
Accounts Receivable.....2,033.59

Profit and Loss Account.
Dr.
To Charges.....\$376.05
" Crown Rent.....786.00
" Fire Insurance.....525.38
" Commission to Agents.....1,175.68
" Repairs.....2,449.25
" Balance to be appropriated as follows:—
" Directors' fees.....150.00
" Auditors' fees.....50.00
" Dividend of \$2.30.....13,800.00
" To be carried to New Profit & Loss A/c.....1,032.37

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so that information might be obtained from the most reliable sources. All such arrangements, however, are only preliminary to the inauguration of an improved system of education in China, and in the carrying out of this the Japanese are certain to take a very important part. Professor Hattori, a distinguished Japanese educationalist, has been appointed to a responsible position in the University of Peking, and will thus be able to influence the education in a large part of China. Mr. Watanabe Ryonsei has been engaged for educational purposes in China, and Mr. Tong has been appointed at Wuhu as educational adviser to the Viceroy, Chang Chih-tung. The training of teachers in China is also receiving attention, and Mr. Mirmoto, of the High Normal School, is to go to Szechuan to act as adviser to the Governor of that province, and negotiations are being carried on for the appointment of additional Japanese educators. In trade, industry, and engineering enterprise the Japanese are also taking a very active part in China. In fact, for manufacturing purposes the immense resources of China are at the disposal of Japan, and this opens up immense possibilities for the future. The development of trade and industry in Japan during the past 30 years has been a most interesting study, and the interest will be increased in the future, when we observe the effects it has on her unworldly and hitherto immobile neighbour.—*Engineering.*

CANTON NOTES.

THE SAMSHUI PIRACY CASE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 22nd.

The city begins to present the appearance that it usually has before the New Year. The annual cleaning has begun. The streets are filled with all kinds of furniture and the old papers are being washed off and new ones put in their places. Travelling through the city is anything but pleasant.

THE CUSTOMS EXAMINATION SHED.
The old shed is gradually being torn down and will soon be replaced by a new and more modern structure. I understand the frame of the new building is to be of steel.

CANTON, 23rd January.
From investigations I learn that the captive pirates confessed to having been natives of Ma Ning, one of the ports newly opened to passenger traffic, and had been to Wuchow. It was arranged that ten confederates were to meet them at Kunchuk, and after leaving that port the steamer was to be held up. The only Europeans at Kunchuk are two Custom House officers. Great excitement prevailed among shore people as well as the passengers of the *On Fat*, and another boat, passing through Samshui some hours later, applied to Captain Webster. H.M.S. *Mockin*, which, with the *Robin*, was anchored within 400 yards of the *On Fat*, for a guard of men, not only for protection but with a view to assisting in investigations at Ma Ning and other places down the river.

THE KWANG-SI REBELLION.

A belated despatch was received in Canton yesterday evening to the effect that the five hundred Imperial troops recently despatched from Canton by the transport *Fuh Po* to Teen Pak, had met with a severe check from the rebels at a place called Yong Ning, in the province of Kwang-Si. It appears that the troops under the command of Major Liu landed at Teen Pak harbour on the 26th December and, after striking inland to effect a junction with the Imperial troops, quartered at Chi Yuen, where they were ambushed by the rebels at the Yong Ning pass. The troops carried a considerable amount of ammunition and military supplies for the garrison of Chi Yuen, which fell into the hands of the rebels. After the encounter with the rebels, and the subsequent flight of the Imperial troops, many of the soldiers deserted. It is also reported that the Imperial Government on receipt of the news summoned a hurried council, and decided to send another contingent of two thousand strong. Chi Yuen is a city on the borders of Kwei Chow and Yunnan provinces.

NAVAL WEDDING.

A remarkably pretty naval wedding was solemnised on the 18th ult. in Stoke Damerei parish church, Devonport, the contracting parties being Mr. Leslie Harry Maxey Barwell Buchanan, eldest son of Mr. H. M. B. Buchanan, of Hales Hall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, and Winifred Barbara, youngest daughter of Fleet-Paymaster E. S. Edwards, R.N., Barracks, Devonport, and 2, Burgoyne Villas, Plymouth. The service, which was choral, was attended by a large number of friends, the officiating clergy being Rev. W. E. C. Phelps, curate of Silverton, and cousin of the bride, assisted by Rev. J. Sharpe, curate of Stoke Damerei, and Rev. H. K. Moore, chaplain of the R.N. Barracks, Devonport. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white Roman satin, with a train exquisitely trimmed with orange-blossom and chiffon. Her long veil was surmounted with a wreath of orange blossoms. Her only ornament was a magnificent diamond and pearl ring, a present from the bridegroom. Miss Ethel Edwards, cousin of the bride, the only bridesmaid, was attired in a very pretty white-tucked silk gown, with chiffon collar, trimmed with lace, and a blue picture hat. The bride was given away by her father, who was in uniform. Mr. William Stopple, acting as best man. In the afternoon the bride and groom left for Torquay for the honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was of pale cloth, with picture hat, trimmed with blue ribbon, green leaves and white beaver.

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WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their weekly report dated 23rd January, 1903, state as follows:—

Owing to the approach of the China New Year business has been curtailed to some extent, and with the exception of a sharp rise in Hongkong and Shanghai Banks and a more or less heavy decline in Cantons and Hongkong Fires, quotations are much the same as last reported.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, has advertised its Seventy-Third Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting for the 7th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 24th instant to the 7th proximo, both days inclusive.

The Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited, has given notice of its Seventeenth Ordinary Annual Meeting to be held on the 7th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 3rd to 11th proximo, both days inclusive.

The Fourteenth Ordinary Meeting of shareholders in the Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited, is announced for the 2nd February. The transfer books will be closed from the 24th instant to the 2nd proximo, both days inclusive.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has convened its Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting to take place on the 14th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 31st instant to the 14th proximo, both days inclusive.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have experienced a substantial advance and after sales at \$680 and \$683, close in strong demand at \$695. The London quotation is unchanged. Nationals are wanted at \$22, ex the dividend of \$1.90 paid on the 22nd instant.

Marine Insurances.—Unions keep steady and further sales at \$470 have been made. China Traders are neglected at \$58; and Cantons have dropped to \$164, at which price shares are offering.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are in the market at \$320. China Fires have been bought and have further inquiries at \$36.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have found buyers at \$373 and \$38, closing quieter at \$371. Indo-China improved to \$88 at which rate some shares changed hands, but the market eases off towards the close, and more shares may probably be obtained at the rate. Douglas Steamships have been fixed at \$44. Star Ferries are wanted at \$25 for the old issue: the new shares have been parted with at \$14. A large business has been transacted in Shell Transports at various rates up to £1 9s, the market closing firm.

Refineries.—China Sugars have further improved, and are in request at \$92. There is nothing doing in Luzons.

Mining.—We have heard of no local business in stocks under this heading. Rauba have weakened and are on offer at \$74. Chinese Engineerings have been done in Shanghai at Tls. 81.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks declined to \$204 at which price sales have been effected. Farman has further advanced and shares are inquired for at Tls. 185. Kowloon Wharfs have been disposed of at \$93 and are still wanted.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are in demand at \$184. The Report and Account for 1902 show a net profit, including \$8,305.04 brought forward from the previous year, of \$73,640.26. After deducting the interim dividend of \$6 per share paid in July last and writing off Directors' and Auditors' fees, there remains a sum of \$351,707.26 available for distribution and from this amount the Directors propose to pay a final dividend of \$5, making a total of \$12 per share, or 12 per cent. per annum on the Capital, leaving a balance of \$51,072.26 to be carried forward to the credit of a new Profit and Loss account. West Points have dropped to \$51, and are offering at this price. During the year ending 31st December, 1902, the Company's net-profits on working, including the balance brought forward from the last account, total \$30,224.14, and from this amount an interim dividend of \$1.50 has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$1.60, making in all \$3.10 per share for the 12 months, and carry forward the balance of \$940.14. Kowloon Lands are steady at \$314. Hongkong Hotels have been dealt in at \$142, and close with further buyers. Business in Orient Hotel has been put through at \$30. Humphreys Estates have again been booked at \$15 and \$12, and can still be placed at the lower rate. China Providents have changed hands at \$9, ex the dividend of 80 cents paid on 19th instant.

Cotton Mills.—There is no business to report.

Cigar Companies.—Are all quiet at quotations. Alhambras have declined to \$350 sellers.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have again been done at \$21; the closing quotation is \$19 buyers. A. S. Watsons have been placed at \$14 and more shares are wanted. Electrics continue in demand at \$13.10 for the old issue: the new shares are a shade easier and can be had at \$6.65. William Powells are asked for at \$0.1. Langkats have risen 10 points and have inquiries at Tls. 185.

RAUBS.
The Raub crushing results for four weeks ending on the 10th instant comes to the following: stones crushed 3,488,000, smelted gold obtained 772 ounces, average per ton, 4 dwts. 20 grs.

RICE.
In their circular, dated Saigon, 15th instant, Messrs. Wm. G. Hale and Co. report:

Latest advices received from the interior point that at the end of last month, rains have fallen in most of the Provinces, causing damage to the early Paddy on the point of being harvested in some parts, and bringing a slight amelioration to the late Paddy in upper districts which were suffering from drought; but, on the whole, merely equilibrating the situation of our Crop the yield of which, no doubt, will prove a poor average.

New Paddy, in the extent of 2,500 Piculs daily, is coming to market since the beginning of this month, and is, at present, eagerly bought at prices varying from \$1.90 to \$2.05 per picul, first cost, at the Mills, fears being entertained that, ere long, they will rise considerably. Larger supplies are not looked for until after the Chinese New Year holidays, which begin on the 29th instant and will, as usual, put a stop to all business for about a week.

As for our market, it shows a firmer tendency consequent upon a sudden demand for the Philippines and a revival of business with China and Japan. There are occasional inquiries for Home shipments, but present prices are merely prohibitive in this direction.

Up to the present, the total amounts contracted for are about:—Tons 25,000 for Europe, 45,000 for Japan, 12,000 for the Philippines, and 6,000 for Java.

Freights are better. Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul is offering for early February loading. To one port Philippines, 35 cents per picul has been paid for end of February loading. To one port Japan, 35 to 36 cents per picul for March loading. Saigon to Java, 26 cents per picul. Coal freights are weak. Moji to Hongkong \$2 per ton. Moji to Singapore \$2.80 per ton. The following are the charters since the 16th inst:—

Sulphur, Brit. str., 833, Moji to Hongkong, \$2 per ton.

Fan Sang, Brit. str., 1,410, Moji to Hongkong, \$2 per ton.

Trilos, Ger. str., 1,033, Hanoi to Saigon and back, 17 cents per picul.

Thomis, Nor. str., 1,08, Saigon to Hongkong, 13 cents per picul.

Trilos, Ger. str., 1,033, Saigon to Hongkong, 14 cents per picul.

Picichu, Ger. str., 875, Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.

Deutero, Ger. str., 1,021, Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.

Amigo, Ger. str., 822, Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.

Promethus, Nor. str., 1,026, Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.

Elo, Nor. str., 708, Saigon one port Philippines (end February), 35 cents per picul.

A China Nav. Co's str., Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.

EXCHANGE.

THE SHARE MARKET

(JANUARY 24/4.)

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VESSEL'S NAME	FROM	AGENTS	DUE
Ma Maru	Moji	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow
n	Moji	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	To-morrow
	Manili	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	To-morrow
	Shanghai	Sander, Wieler & Co.	To-morrow
	Singapore	Siemssen & Co.	January 26th
	Saigon	Messageries Maritimes	January 26th
eking	Manila	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	January 27th
aking	Singapore	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	January 27th
	Singapore	P. & O. S. N. Co.	January 28th
	Singapore	Butterfield & Swire	January 28th
	Singapore	D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd.	January 28th
	Singapore	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	January 28th
g	Sah Francisco	O. & O. S. S. Co.	January 29th
	Glasgow, &c.	Butterfield & Swire	February 3rd
	Australian Ports	Butterfield & Swire	February 3rd
	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	February 5th
a	San Francisco	P. M. S. S. Co.	February 7th
Maru	Glasgow, &c.	Butterfield & Swire	February 11th
	Portland, Or.	P. & A. S. S. Co.	February 14th
	San Francisco	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	February 17th
	Glasgow, &c.	Butterfield & Swire	February 19th

January 23rd, 1933, a.m.

YESTERDAY:

VESSELS, IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

ARIMA, British steamer, 2,500, St. John George, 6th Jan.,—Sydney 9th Dec., and Manila 3rd Jan., General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

ANDREE RICKMERS, German steamer, 1,020, H. Köhna, 21st Jan.—Saigon 17th Jan., Rice.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ARNOLD LUYKEN, German steamer, 1,095, C. Ueberfeldt, 17th Jan.,—Saigon 12th Jan., Rice.—E. A. Trading Co.

BENVENUE, British steamer, 1,410, A. Webster, 8th Jan.,—Java 29th Dec., Sugar.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

DING LING, Chinese steamer, 3,870, F. Davies, 2nd Jan.,—Yokohama 10th Jan., General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

DINH TIUHAN, French steamer, 984, Frey, 20th Jan.,—Saigon 14th Jan., Rice and Flour.—Bradley & Co.

BRAND, Norwegian steamer, 1,519, John Throusen, 13th Dec.,—Chinking 8th Dec., Rice.—Carlowitz & Co.

CHELVDRA, British steamer, 2,467, R. Cox, 18th Jan.,—Samarang 8th Jan., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHOWTAI, German steamer, 1,115, H. Textor, 21st Jan.,—Bangkok via Swatow 12th Jan., General, Rice and Teakwood.—Butterfield & Swire.

DAICI MARU, Japanese steamer, 846, T. V. Grover, 21st Jan.,—Tamsui 18th Jan., Amoy 19th, and Swatow 20th, General, Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, F. Frahm, 23rd Jan.,—Swarow 22nd Jan., Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.

DORIS, Norwegian steamer, 965, K. Jacobsen, 2nd Jan.,—Canton 22nd Jan., General.—Nam Wo.

EMPRESS OF INDIA, British steamer, 5,604, O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., 20th Jan.,—Vancouver 29th Dec., and Shanghai 17th Jan., Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co.

HAIOONG, British steamer, 783, S. Gibson, 23rd Jan.,—Swatow 22nd Jan., General.—Douglas, Laprak & Co.

HIKOKU MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,302, P. Haisler, 1st Jan.,—Kutchinozu 11th Jan., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

IMBRVELLI, British steamer, 3,152, General, 17th Jan.,—Portland, Or. 10th Dec., General.—P. & A. S. Co.

KACHIDATE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,130, S. Fuziki, 23rd Jan.,—Kutchinozu 18th Jan., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

KAGA MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,906, Gen. Anderson, 17th Jan.,—Shanghai 15th Jan., General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

LAISANG, British steamer, 2,225, E. J. Tadd, 18th Jan.,—Singapore 12th Jan., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MAUSANG, British steamer, 1,644, W. D. Welsh, 19th Jan.,—Sandakan 13th Jan., Timber and Genl.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PETCHABURI, German steamer, 1,373, G. Hillmann, 2nd Jan.,—Probolinggo 8th Jan., Sugar.—Order.

PROMETHEUS, Norwegian steamer, 1,023, H. Lersbyrgeen, 19th Jan.,—Mojli 13th Jan., Coal.—Harling Bushman.

SENSA, Norwegian steamer, 979, H. Barge, 15th Jan.,—Sourabaya 3rd Jan., Sugar.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

SHANTUNG, German steamer, 1,057, M. Engelhardt, 8th Jan.,—Singapore 29th Dec., Oil.—Mr. Geo. McBain.

SKULD, Norwegian steamer, 917, A. Berhorn, 21st Jan.,—Bangkok 12th Jan., Rice.—Mungsoon Seng Co.

SPITFIE, British steamer, 2,095, J. Stewart, 12th Jan.,—New York 15th Jan., Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

TANSUI, British steamer, 919, G. W. Eidy, 23rd Jan.,—Canton 22nd Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

TETARTOS, German steamer, 1,578, W. Dinse, 22nd Jan.,—Hoblow 21st Jan., Rice.—Siemssen & Co.

YUNNAN, British steamer, 1,206, Wm. Benson, 21st Jan.,—Chinwanglap 17th Jan., Coal.—Butterfield & Swire.

YURNANG, British steamer, 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, R.N.R., 7th Jan.,—Manila 4th Jan., Hemp.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

EWIE J. RAY, American bark, 918, Kasten, 13th Dec.,—Rajang 17th Oct., Timber.—Sanderson, Wieler & Co.

GROSVENOR, British bark, 516, Boga, 14th June,—Mauritius 16th January, Sugar.—Abdoels & Co.

J. H. LUNEMANN, American ship, 900, O. Johnson, 16th Dec.,—Port Townsend 2nd Sept., Lumber.—Order.

LOTTA R., Italian bark, 794, Antonio M. Schiaffino, 4th Dec.,—from Callao (Peru).

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